

WHO GOT THIS \$40,000?

FUND RAISED TO INCREASE PAY OF GOVERNMENT PRINTERS.

Washington Typographical Union Assessed Its Members \$25 Each and Congress Granted the Increase—It Adds \$100,000 a Year to the Cost of Public Printing.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The questionable methods used by the Columbia Typographical Union in securing the increase of the pay of printers and bookbinders employed in the Government Printing Office from \$3.20 a day to 50 cents an hour will no doubt be investigated by Congress. The increase of pay, which went into effect with the beginning of the present year, has caused no end of talk among members of the House and Senate who were not familiar with the facts. While it is true that some of them insist that the increase was due to the employees, the now public fact is that a large sum of money was used in lobbying through the Hill providing for the increase puts a number of members under the ban, and there is a general feeling that it is due to the public to know who shared in the corruption fund. This fund is stated to be more than \$40,000, which was raised by the Union requiring competitors, proof readers, copyholders and bookbinders to sign notes for \$25 each, payable to the President of the Washington Union, and it is supposed that that official had the disbursing of the money. The number of compositors in Typographical Union men employed in the Government Printing Office, together with the bookbinders, is more than 1,600, and calculating that 1,600 signed notes for \$25 each, the aggregate would reach \$40,000. It was stipulated that the amount should be paid within sixty days after the law authorizing the increase went into effect.

Public Printer Palmer did not think it advisable to raise the pay of printers, but when the bookbinders, through a committee, called upon him and asked that their pay be increased with the beginning of the fiscal year, he felt compelled to acquiesce. This was the only thing he could do, for there is a scarcity of competent bookbinders, and the world's bindery was far behind. It was the Public Printer's opinion that the best thing to be done was to grant the increase, and thus avoid any trouble which would embarrass the office. As soon as the result of the bookbinders' audience with the Public Printer was made known, a committee from the Typographical Union called and asked that the increase apply to the printers. Again Mr. Palmer realized that he could not refuse, and so he called the committee and told the experts that the pay of printers should be raised according to the recommendation of Congress. This settled the matter, and with the first day in the fiscal year the men received the increase.

That Mr. Palmer was exposed to the increase was clearly demonstrated when the chairman of the joint committee of the two Houses of Congress called upon him to ascertain his views. He told the chairman that he did not think the increase should be made and gave a number of reasons, among them being that he felt that \$3.20 per day was fair pay for compositors and bookbinders, and that the increase to fifty cents per hour would augment the expenditures of the Government Printing Office that he feared hand composition would be displaced by machines. The increased pay now amounts to about \$1,600 a day, or more than \$500,000 a year, there being something like 2,000 printers and bookbinders who are receiving the increase.

One of the Victims Goes to the Pasture Institute—Dog Shot by a Policeman.

A mad bulldog ran into a yard in Bowers street, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon and bit a 6-year-old Frank Luck, of 71 Bowers street, on the legs. It then attacked and bit 14-year-old William T. Davis of 170 Hancock avenue, in front of his home. In south street the dog bit Mrs. Mary H. Hough, 407 Franklin street, and H. C. Ludwig of 99 Ogden avenue was also bitten. The experts say that plans for the new water system are to be completed in six months and that the plant can be completed and in operation within two years.

MAD DOG BITES FOUR.

The Croton Water in Bad Condition.

Tastes of Dead Leaves and Is Said To Be Causing Intestinal Trouble.

The Croton water in Harlem is in bad condition again. As was the case two months ago, it is discolored and tastes as if strongly impregnated with dead leaves. It is especially bad mornings. Dr. Warren, Chaplin & Co., West 14th street, and John D. Jones, 100 West 10th street declared last night that the water had caused a great deal of intestinal trouble. After a long time of investigation, Dr. Jones said that there was no doubt that the machine people would have good ground to force their machines into the Government office, there can be no doubt, but it may be that the Union officials in Washington, like those of New York, are closely identified with the machine people and are interested in the placing of machines in large as well as small offices. Should this be the case, it is not difficult to understand why the Washington Union was so eager to have the pay printers increased. In a word, it may be that the machine people and the officials of the Union are working toward the same end. In any event, they ought to be in mutual understanding, as not the least effort has been made to prevent the placing of machines in offices throughout the country, and this in the face of the fact that with every machine placed from four to twelve 5-centers are thrown out of employment.

Adolph D. Straus's Parlor Ablaze.

Adolph D. Straus's daughter Gertrude, who was getting her father's house at 20 East Sixty-sixth street in order for his and his son's return from the country, discovered a fire in one of the eleven offerings scheduled was actually sold and in five instances outsiders were the buyers. Over some of the parcels there was quite a bit of competition, but the majority were secured without much effort. One of the parcels sold was the seven-story iron front office building, part free and leasehold, No. 102 and 104 West 14th street, which the owner, John Potts, and was sold under foreclosure proceedings. The income on the property was secured \$148,555. That there was practically no competition when it was sold to the plaintiff, Israel J. Greenbaum, as execution, for \$75,000. The other offerings were without any particular interest. Seven offerings are scheduled for to-morrow.

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NEW ALLIES FOR LABOR PARTIES.

Two Delegates of the Chicago Platform Democrats Admitted.

The Independent Labor party decided last night, after a long wrangle, to adopt a recommendation of the Credential Committee to seat two delegates from the Chicago Platform Democrats. The report of the Credential Committee stated that the Chicago Democrats sent five delegates, but that two would be enough. The report was adopted by a vote of 100 to 90. The delegation will be seated at the national convention.

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